GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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STORAGE CAPACITY IN ANDHRA PRADESH
MALYALA RAJAIAH;VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to takenecessary measures to increase storage capacity in Andhra Pradesh for adequate storage of rice procured in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have acquired additional 15 lakh tonnes of storage capacity in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b),(c),(d)&(e): As requested by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Food Corporation of India (FCI) was allowed to create a total of 15 lakh MTs of additional storage capacity (covered) in Andhra Pradesh through the Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation (APSWC) on 7 years` guarantee basis.The construction of the 15 lakh MT additional capacity is in various stages of completion is likely to be completed by February, 2002. In addition, State Government of Andhra Pradesh asked for further guarantee from FCI for another 15 lakh MT under the same scheme and it has been decided that FCI may give 7 years` guarantee to the State Government/APSWC for construction of additional 5 lakh MT of covered storage capacity in addition to the 15 lakh MT earlier guaranteed by FCI.Further, 1.61 lakh MT capacity would also be constructed by the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) under the same scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh, out of which, 1.47 lakh MT is expected to be completed by 2002.